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<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>	
<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.16(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220</p>	
<p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220</p>	

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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 a sequence listing
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(b) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 7, 9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
Documents			
1.	JP 2002-111431 A (SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION) April 12, 2002, Fig. 9 (no family)		
2.	JP 2003-152390 A (NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.) May 23, 2003, whole text, whole figures (no family)		
3.	JP 2003-142981 A (NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.) May 23, 2003, Figs. 1, 3, and 10 (no family)		
4.	JP 2003-338724 A (Mitsubishi Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) November 28, 2003, Fig. 1 & US 2003-0201846 A1 & EP 1345323 A1 & EP 1305728 A2 & DE 60300311 T & CN 1445926 A		
Claims 1 and 7			
<p>As described in the cited Document 2, a high-frequency composite part which comprises (A) a switch for selectively switching a signal path between an antenna terminal and a transmission-side input terminal, (B) an LC filter having an inductor and capacitors disposed between the antenna terminal and the transmission-side input terminal, (C) a surface acoustic wave filter disposed between the switch and the reception-side output terminal, and (D) a matching element having an inductor disposed between the surface acoustic wave filter and a reception-side balanced output terminal and in which the switch, the LC filter, surface acoustic wave filter, and the matching element are integrated in a laminated block having a plurality of dielectric layers laminated is described. There are the cited Documents 3 and 4 among others.</p>			
<p>In comparison with the present invention, although (D) the matching element disposed between the surface acoustic wave filter and the reception-side balanced output terminal contains only an inductor in the cited Document, the present invention is different in that the matching element contains an inductor and capacitors.</p>			
<p>However, in the cited Document 1, the structure in which not only an inductor, but also capacitors are connected between the balanced output terminals of a surface acoustic wave filter is described and thus, since it is obvious for a person skilled in the art to be able to set a desired complex impedance as a matching element, it is easy to obtain a structure as in the present invention by applying the technical idea described in the cited Document 1 to the technology represented by the cited Document 2. Accordingly, the invention concerning claims 1 and 7 does not have any inventive step.</p>			
Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10			
<p>The structure described in each claim is not described in any one of the above-described Documents in International Research Report.</p>			
Claim 3			
<p>In addition to the above-described investigation about claim 1, in Fig. 3 of the cited Document 2, an inductor L8 (L9) of a matching element mounted on the surface of a laminated block is described. Since an inductor and conductor of an LC filter provided inside a laminated block is obvious for a person skilled in the art, the invention concerning claim 3 does not have any inventive step.</p>			
Claim 9			
<p>In addition to the above-described investigation about claims 1 and 7, the structure of a dual-band type is described in the cited Document 2 and the invention concerning claim 9 does not have any inventive step.</p>			

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

H04B1/44 (2006.01), H01P1/15 (2006.01), H03H9/72 (2006.01)

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1922-1996	Jitsuyo Shinan Toroku Koho	1996-2005
Kokai Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1971-2005	Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho	1994-2005

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y A	JP 2002-111431 A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 12 April, 2002 (12.04.02), Fig. 9 (Family: none)	1, 3, 7, 9 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10
Y A	JP 2003-152590 A (NGK Spark Plug Co., Ltd.), 23 May, 2003 (23.05.03), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1, 3, 7, 9 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10
A	JP 2003-142981 A (Hitachi Metals, Ltd.), 16 May, 2003 (16.05.03), Figs. 1, 3, 10 (Family: none)	1-10

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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"A"	document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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A	JP 2003-338734 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 28 November, 2003 (28.11.03), Fig. 1 & US 2003-0201846 A1 & EP 1345323 A1 & EP 1505728 A2 & DE 60300311 T & CN 1445926 A	1-10
A	JP 2003-209484 A (NGK Insulators, Ltd.), 25 July, 2003 (25.07.03), Fig. 1 (Family: none)	8
A	JP 2003-332167 A (TDK Corp.), 21 November, 2003 (21.11.03), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-10
A	JP 10-117123 A (Murata Mfg. Co., Ltd.), 06 May, 1998 (06.05.98), Fig. 17 & US 5994980 A1 & EP 836278 A3 & DE 69714178 T & KR 275260 B	8

A. 発明の属する分野の分類（国際特許分類（IPC））

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B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料（国際特許分類（IPC））

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報	1922~1996年
日本国公開実用新案公報	1971~2005年
日本国実用新案登録公報	1996~2005年
日本国登録実用新案公報	1994~2005年

国際調査で使用した電子データベース（データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語）

C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリーエ	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
Y	JP 2002-111431 A (セイコーエプソン株式会社) 2002.04.12, 図9 (ファミリーなし)	1, 3, 7, 9
A	JP 2003-152590 A (日本特殊陶業株式会社) 2003.05.23, 全文、全図 (ファミリーなし)	2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10
A	JP 2003-142981 A (日立金属株式会社) 2003.05.16, 図1, 図3, 図10 (ファミリーなし)	1~10

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A	JP 2003-209484 A (日本碍子株式会社) 2003.07.25, 図1 (ファミリーなし)	8
A	JP 2003-332167 A (TDK株式会社) 2003.11.21, 全文、全図 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
A	JP 10-117123 A (株式会社村田製作所) 1998.05.06, 図17 & US 5994980 A1 & EP 836278 A3 & DE 69714178 T & KR 275260 B	8